

REMARKS

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Examiner has indicated that claims 3-6, 10-12, 14, 18-23, 27, 31, 39, 42-44, 47 and 48 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims have been appropriately rewritten in the amendments file herewith. Applicant is grateful and respectfully requests that claims 3-6, 10-12, 14, 18-23, 27, 31, 39, 42-44, 47 and 48 be allowed without further delay.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

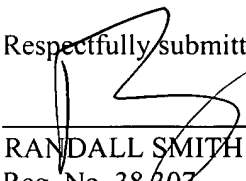
The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 9, 13, 15, 26, 29, 30, 32, 35-37, 40, 45, 46, 52-56, 59 and 68 on various bases. Applicant believes these rejections are in error, but has decided to cancel the rejected claims in this application and accept the allowable claims indicated above to obtain a patent without further delay.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner has indicated that claims 3-6, 10-12, 14, 18-23, 27, 31, 39, 42-44, 47 and 48 are allowable. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 9, 13, 15, 26, 29, 30, 32, 35-37, 40, 45, 46, 52-56, 59 and 68 on various bases. Applicant has rewritten the allowable claims and canceled the rejected claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 3-6, 10-12, 14, 18-23, 27, 31, 39, 42-44, 47 and 48 be immediately allowed. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this communication, he is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite issuance of a patent.

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